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INTRODUCTION

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

	Period.		Males.	Females.	Total.	
Census—						
1901 (31st 1	March)		 603,720	597,350	1,201,070	
1911 (3rd A			 655,591	659,960	1,315,551	
1921 (4th A			 754,724	776,556	1,531,280	
	1933 (30th June)		903,244	917,017	1,820,261	
At 31st Decemb	er					
1942			 971,026	994,939	1,965,965	
1943			 980,169	1,005,747	1,985,916	
1944			987,977	1,014,891	2,002,868	
1945			 996,339	1,024,291	2,020,630	
1046			 1,008,254	1,037,413	2,045,667	
1940			 1,000,204	1,007,410	2,045,007	
947—						
31st March			 1,012,465	1,041,588	2,054,053	

Note.—Particulars are estimated in respect of dates other than census dates.

VICTORIA-MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

			Numbe	er of—			Infantile Mortality		
Period.		Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth. Death.		Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
l 31st D	ecem-								
		17,368	30,493	20,169	1,085	9.23	$16 \cdot 20$	10.72	35.58
		23,636							41.64
									35.76
									$ \begin{array}{r} 31.96 \\ 28.03 \end{array} $
									27.16
		21,405	40,693	21,554	1,208	10.94	44.99	10.00	- 27.10
,		4.0=0	10 575	4 704	204	0.79	24 50	0.24	23.38
3	1 31st D	1 31st Decem-	Marriages. 1 31st Decem	Marriages. Births. 1 31st Decem	Marriages. Births. Deaths. 1 31st Decem-	Period. Marriages. Births. Deaths. Deaths under One Year. 1 31st Decem	Period. Marriages. Births. Deaths. Deaths under One Year. 1 31st Decem 17,368 30,493 20,169 1,085 9·23 23,636 35,927 21,973 1,496 12·03 18,356 39,117 21,327 1,399 9·27 17,857 39,358 20,502 1,258 8·94 16,501 41,200 20,496 1,155 8·94 21,405 46,693 21,534 1,268 Equival per 1,00	Population.(Marriages. Births. Deaths. Deaths under One Year. 1 31st Decem 17,368 30,493 20,169 1,085 9·23 16·20 23,636 35,927 21,973 1,496 12·03 18·28 18,356 39,117 21,327 1,399 9·27 19·75 17,857 39,358 20,502 1,258 8·94 19·70 16,501 41,200 20,496 1,155 8·20 20·48 21,405 46,693 21,534 1,268 10·54 22·99 Equivalent Annu per 1,000 of Pop	eriod.

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

				Year Ended	March Quarter—		
Cause of D	eath.		31st December, 1946.	1946.	1947.		
Tuberculosis				711	176	144	
Cancer				2,836	719	741	
Diabetes				432	80	103	
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c.				2,138	437	487	
Diseases of the Heart				6,689	1,363	1,360	
Arteriosclerosis				510	111	125	
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneum				1,246	222	224	
Diarrhoea and Enteritis				118	28	17	
Nephritis				1,301	286	255	
Congenital Malformations				205	47	41	
Diseases Peculiar to the First				734	160	176	
Senility				706	152	127	
Accidental Deaths				853	200	245	

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

	Total	Employn	nent.(a)	A. HTIME	Total E	mployment	in Main	Industria	al Groups	
Month.	Government Employment. (b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.
10000001		111111111			LES.			-1		
1933—June 1939—July	$\begin{array}{c} 73 \cdot 2 \\ 90 \cdot 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 215 \cdot 4 \\ 267 \cdot 5 \end{array}$	$288 \cdot 6 \\ 357 \cdot 5$	$\begin{array}{c} 4 \cdot 1 \\ 5 \cdot 5 \end{array}$	$128 \cdot 4$	$\begin{array}{c} 38 \cdot 7(g) \\ 36 \cdot 4 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 42 \cdot 3 \\ 45 \cdot 4 \end{array}$		5·3 5·9	32.8()
1941—July 1942—June 1943—June 1944—June 1945—August 1946—June September October. November December 1947—January February March April	106·8 113·8 107·0 106·5 106·2 115·2 118·2 118·7 120·0 124·0 123·7 125·7 125·7	$\begin{array}{c} 296 \cdot 6 \\ 261 \cdot 7 \\ 248 \cdot 2 \\ 245 \cdot 6 \\ 254 \cdot 6 \\ 302 \cdot 7 \\ 315 \cdot 9 \\ 316 \cdot 1 \\ 310 \cdot 0 \\ 306 \cdot 8 \\ 313 \cdot 7 \\ 314 \cdot 9 \\ 316 \cdot 6 \\ 317 \cdot 1 \\ \end{array}$	403·4 375·5 355·2 352·1 360·8 417·9 434·1 434·8 430·0 430·8 437·4 439·9 442·3 442·8	5·8 4·6 3·7 3·4 3·6 4·4 4·8 4·7 4·7 4·7 4·7 4·7	166 · 6 167 · 0 168 · 5 167 · 0 166 · 7 179 · 8 184 · 9 184 · 7 174 · 8 173 · 1 177 · 2 177 · 6 178 · 0 177 · 3	$\begin{array}{c} 40 \cdot 5 \\ 29 \cdot 2 \\ 16 \cdot 2 \\ 16 \cdot 6 \\ 21 \cdot 7 \\ 32 \cdot 0 \\ 33 \cdot 6 \\ 33 \cdot 7 \\ 34 \cdot 8 \\ 35 \cdot 9 \\ 36 \cdot 8 \\ 37 \cdot 8 \\ 38 \cdot 2 \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 48 \cdot 4 \\ 47 \cdot 4 \\ 46 \cdot 0 \\ 45 \cdot 5 \\ 47 \cdot 3 \\ 55 \cdot 0 \\ 57 \cdot 3 \\ 57 \cdot 7 \\ 59 \cdot 0 \\ 61 \cdot 1 \\ 60 \cdot 2 \\ 60 \cdot 6 \\ 60 \cdot 8 \\ 60 \cdot 9 \end{array}$	28·8 22·5 20·2 20·3 22·3 29·6 31·1 31·2 32·0 32·6 32·1 32·5 32·5 32·8	$\begin{array}{c} 34 \cdot 0 \\ 27 \cdot 7 \\ 24 \cdot 9 \\ 26 \cdot 0 \\ 28 \cdot 1 \\ 37 \cdot 9 \\ 40 \cdot 0 \\ 40 \cdot 7 \\ 41 \cdot 7 \\ 42 \cdot 0 \\ 42 \cdot 4 \\ 42 \cdot 4 \\ 42 \cdot 8 \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 35 \cdot 1 \\ 30 \cdot 3 \\ 28 \cdot 1 \\ 30 \cdot 0 \\ 32 \cdot 1 \\ 38 \cdot 1 \\ 40 \cdot 7 \\ 40 \cdot 5 \\ 40 \cdot 8 \\ 41 \cdot 1 \\ 41 \cdot 1 \\ 41 \cdot 3 \\ 41 \cdot 7 \\ 42 \cdot 1 \end{array}$
				FEM	ALES.					
1933—June 1939—July	$\begin{array}{c} 13 \cdot 9 \\ 16 \cdot 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} 104 \cdot 3 \\ 126 \cdot 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 118\cdot 2 \\ 142\cdot 9 \end{array}$	0.1	(e) 63·9	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \cdot 2 \\ 0 \cdot 3 \end{array}$	$3 \cdot 3$ $3 \cdot 3$		3·6 3·8	$\begin{array}{c c} 36 \cdot 9(f \\ 34 \cdot 3 \end{array}$
1941—July 1942—June 1943—June 1944—June 1945—August 1946—June September October November December 1947—January March April	$\begin{array}{c} 25 \cdot 8 \\ 37 \cdot 1 \\ 45 \cdot 8 \\ 44 \cdot 4 \\ 40 \cdot 7 \\ 30 \cdot 6 \\ 29 \cdot 6 \\ 29 \cdot 5 \\ 29 \cdot 4 \\ 29 \cdot 2 \\ 29 \cdot 1 \\ 29 \cdot 1 \\ 29 \cdot 4 \\ 29 \cdot 9 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 160 \cdot 2 \\ 161 \cdot 4 \\ 159 \cdot 6 \\ 153 \cdot 9 \\ 151 \cdot 6 \\ 153 \cdot 1 \\ 156 \cdot 0 \\ 157 \cdot 0 \\ 158 \cdot 7 \\ 158 \cdot 1 \\ 157 \cdot 4 \\ 159 \cdot 9 \\ 160 \cdot 8 \\ 159 \cdot 5 \\ \end{array}$	186·0 198·5 205·4 198·3 192·3 183·7 185·6 186·5 188·1 187·3 186·5 189·0 190·2 189·4	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \cdot 1 \\ 0 \cdot 2 \\ 0 \cdot 1 \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 79\cdot 1 \\ 82\cdot 7 \\ 86\cdot 1 \\ 82\cdot 4 \\ 79\cdot 9 \\ 75\cdot 2 \\ 76\cdot 4 \\ 76\cdot 1 \\ 75\cdot 4 \\ 77\cdot 3 \\ 77\cdot 9 \\ 77\cdot 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \cdot 4 \\ 0 \cdot 5 \\ 0 \cdot 5 \\ 0 \cdot 5 \\ 0 \cdot 5 \\ 0 \cdot 6 \\ 0 \cdot 6 \\ 0 \cdot 6 \\ 0 \cdot 7 \\$	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \cdot 9 \\ 8 \cdot 1 \\ 11 \cdot 0 \\ 11 \cdot 2 \\ 10 \cdot 9 \\ 9 \cdot 4 \\ 9 \cdot 6 \\ 9 \cdot 6 \\ 9 \cdot 6 \\ 9 \cdot 8 \\ 9 \cdot 7 \\ 9 \cdot 7 \\ 9 \cdot 7 \\ 9 \cdot 7 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 29 \cdot 7 \\ 29 \cdot 9 \\ 28 \cdot 0 \\ 26 \cdot 7 \\ 26 \cdot 6 \\ 27 \cdot 4 \\ 27 \cdot 6 \\ 28 \cdot 1 \\ 29 \cdot 6 \\ 29 \cdot 9 \\ 29 \cdot 1 \\ 28 \cdot 8 \\ 28 \cdot 6 \\ 28 \cdot 6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 12 \cdot 1 \\ 14 \cdot 4 \\ 14 \cdot 2 \\ 14 \cdot 4 \\ 14 \cdot 6 \\ 13 \cdot 9 \\ 14 \cdot 1 \\ 14 \cdot 0 \\ 14 \cdot 2 \\ 14 \cdot 2 \\ 14 \cdot 4 \\ 14 \cdot 6 \\ 14 \cdot 4 \\ 14 \cdot 3 \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 42 \cdot 3 \\ 43 \cdot 5 \\ 44 \cdot 1 \\ 44 \cdot 9 \\ 46 \cdot 0 \\ 47 \cdot 7 \\ 48 \cdot 8 \\ 48 \cdot 9 \\ 49 \cdot 4 \\ 49 \cdot 0 \\ 49 \cdot 1 \\ 49 \cdot 7 \\ 50 \cdot 5 \\ 50 \cdot 4 \end{array}$
				PER	SONS.					
1933—June 1939—July	$\begin{array}{c} 87 \cdot 1 \\ 106 \cdot 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 319 \cdot 7 \\ 393 \cdot 6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 406 \cdot 8 \\ 500 \cdot 4 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} 4 \cdot 1 \\ 5 \cdot 6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 137 \cdot 1 \\ 192 \cdot 3 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} 38 \cdot 9(g) \\ 36 \cdot 7 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 45\cdot 6 \\ 48\cdot 7 \end{array}$		1·9 3·7	69·7() 70·2
1941—July 1942—June 1943—June 1945—August 1946—June September October November December 1947—January February April	$\begin{array}{c} 132 \cdot 6 \\ 150 \cdot 9 \\ 152 \cdot 8 \\ 150 \cdot 9 \\ 146 \cdot 9 \\ 146 \cdot 9 \\ 145 \cdot 8 \\ 147 \cdot 8 \\ 148 \cdot 2 \\ 149 \cdot 4 \\ 153 \cdot 2 \\ 152 \cdot 8 \\ 154 \cdot 1 \\ 155 \cdot 1 \\ 155 \cdot 6 \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 456 \cdot 8 \\ 423 \cdot 1 \\ 407 \cdot 8 \\ 399 \cdot 5 \\ 406 \cdot 2 \\ 455 \cdot 8 \\ 471 \cdot 9 \\ 473 \cdot 1 \\ 468 \cdot 7 \\ 464 \cdot 9 \\ 471 \cdot 1 \\ 474 \cdot 8 \\ 477 \cdot 4 \\ 476 \cdot 6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 589 \cdot 4 \\ 574 \cdot 0 \\ 560 \cdot 6 \\ 550 \cdot 4 \\ 553 \cdot 1 \\ 601 \cdot 6 \\ 619 \cdot 7 \\ 621 \cdot 3 \\ 618 \cdot 1 \\ 618 \cdot 1 \\ 618 \cdot 1 \\ 623 \cdot 9 \\ 628 \cdot 9 \\ 632 \cdot 5 \\ 632 \cdot 2 \\ \end{array}$	5·9 4·8 3·8 3·5 3·7 4·9 4·8 4·8 4·8 4·8	$\begin{array}{c} 245 \cdot 7 \\ 249 \cdot 7 \\ 254 \cdot 6 \\ 249 \cdot 4 \\ 246 \cdot 6 \\ 255 \cdot 0 \\ 261 \cdot 3 \\ 261 \cdot 4 \\ 250 \cdot 9 \\ 248 \cdot 5 \\ 252 \cdot 6 \\ 254 \cdot 9 \\ 255 \cdot 9 \\ 254 \cdot 4 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 40 \cdot 9 \\ 29 \cdot 7 \\ 16 \cdot 7 \\ 17 \cdot 1 \\ 22 \cdot 2 \\ 32 \cdot 6 \\ 34 \cdot 2 \\ 34 \cdot 3 \\ 35 \cdot 4 \\ 35 \cdot 5 \\ 36 \cdot 6 \\ 37 \cdot 5 \\ 38 \cdot 5 \\ 38 \cdot 9 \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 54 \cdot 3 \\ 55 \cdot 5 \\ 57 \cdot 0 \\ 56 \cdot 7 \\ 58 \cdot 2 \\ 64 \cdot 4 \\ 66 \cdot 7 \\ 67 \cdot 3 \\ 68 \cdot 6 \\ 70 \cdot 9 \\ 69 \cdot 9 \\ 70 \cdot 3 \\ 70 \cdot 5 \\ 70 \cdot 6 \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 58 \cdot 5 \\ 52 \cdot 4 \\ 48 \cdot 2 \\ 47 \cdot 0 \\ 48 \cdot 9 \\ 57 \cdot 0 \\ 58 \cdot 7 \\ 59 \cdot 3 \\ 61 \cdot 6 \\ 62 \cdot 5 \\ 61 \cdot 2 \\ 61 \cdot 3 \\ 61 \cdot 1 \\ 61 \cdot 4 \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 46 \cdot 1 \\ 42 \cdot 1 \\ 39 \cdot 1 \\ 40 \cdot 4 \\ 42 \cdot 7 \\ 51 \cdot 8 \\ 54 \cdot 1 \\ 54 \cdot 7 \\ 55 \cdot 9 \\ 56 \cdot 2 \\ 56 \cdot 8 \\ 57 \cdot 0 \\ 56 \cdot 8 \\ 57 \cdot 1 \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 77 \cdot 4 \\ 73 \cdot 8 \\ 72 \cdot 2 \\ 74 \cdot 9 \\ 78 \cdot 1 \\ 85 \cdot 8 \\ 89 \cdot 5 \\ 89 \cdot 4 \\ 90 \cdot 2 \\ 90 \cdot 1 \\ 90 \cdot 2 \\ 91 \cdot 0 \\ 92 \cdot 2 \\ 92 \cdot 5 \end{array}$

⁽a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household and Defence Forces. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. From June, 1945, all figures subject to revision.

⁽b) Civilian employees of Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Government, and Allied Government Authorities.

⁽c) From July, 1946, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

⁽d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c. and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., excluding female private domestic).

(e) Not available.

⁽f) Includes 2,258 males and 3,009 females "Clerks and Typists, Industry Undefined," so classified at 1933 Census.

⁽g) Includes 15,218 " Labourers, Industry Undefined," classified to the Building and Construction Industry at 1933 Census.

VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

(The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were reported out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.)

	De	eriod.		Trad	e Unions.		le Unions porting.	Unemployed in Trade Unions Reporting.		
	16	arod.		Total Number.	Total Membership.	Number.	Membership.	Number.	Percentage	
1938	Year			147	215,021	79	124,184	10,718	8.6	
1939	,,			149	216,803	78	125,628	13,032	10.4	
1940	,,			147	232,288	77	131,105	7,573	5.8	
1941	,,			146	270,343	79	151,902	3,742	2.5	
1942	,,			142	302,782	79	176,749	2,032	1.2	
1943	,,			142	311,791	77	196,784	1,356	0.7	
1944	,,			141	314,952	77	194,387	1,634	0.8	
1945	,,			139	306,649	77	186,112	1,548	0.9	
1946	,,				10	75	191,632	2,400	1.3	
1932-	-June	Quarter	(a)			81	117,083	32,395	27 · 7	
1945 -	-Marc	h Quarte	r			77	189,588	1,446	0.8	
	June	Quarter				77	188,934	1,549	0.8	
	Septe	ember Qu	arter			76	185,126	1,437	0.8	
	Dece	mber Qua	rter			76	180,799	1,759	1.0	
1946 -	-Marc	h Quarte	r			75	188,265	2,416	1.3	
	June	Quarter				75	188,058	2,011	1.1	
	Septe	mber Qu	arter			74	194,387	2,548	1.3	
	Dece:	mber Qua	rter			74	195,818	2,624	1.3	
1947-	-Marc	h Quarte	r			74	198,772	3,143	1.6	
		Quarter				74	204,715	2,323	1.1	

(a) Peak of unemployment.

Note.—The unions covered by the returns, which are furnished to the Commonwealth Statistician, represent about 60 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)

(Adult Males.) Five Towns-Warrnam-Bendigo. Geelong. Payable as from-Melbourne. Ballarat. Weighted bool. Average. d. d. d. d. S. d. 8. S. 80 0 1st September, 1939 1st February, 1946 94 0 96 0 94 0 1st May, 1946 97 0 99 0 99 0 95 0 1st August, 1946 1st November, 1946 99 0 95 0 99 C 1st December, 1946 106 0 1st February, 1947 ... 1st May, 1947 1st August, 1947

(a) "Court" Series Index-Numbers. Includes "prosperity loadings" (6s. per week).

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27=1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 , 1921 Year 1932 ,, 1939 ,, 1940 ,, 1941 ,, 1942	671 1,003 813 924 964 1,008 1,100	992 776 874 906 950 1,037	1,002 808 875 920 963 1,054	1,019 794 911 941 984 1,065	1,034 838 918 954 998 1,078	1,003 811 920 960 1,004 1,095
,, 1943 ,, 1944 ,, 1945 ,, 1946	1,139 1,135 1,135 1,149	1,084 1,083 1,086 1,094	1,096 1,101 1,099 1,107	1,110 1,112 1,113 1,124	1,126 1,129 1,139 1,153	1,135 1,131 1,131 1,145
1945—March Quarter June Quarter September Qr. December Qr. 1946—March Quarter June Quarter September Qr. December Qr.	1,132 1,134 1,135 1,137 1,141 1,150 1,149 1,157	1,086 1,086 1,085 1,085 1,089 1,094 1,095 1,096	1,099 1,098 1,099 1,099 1,101 1,105 1,107 1,114	1,114 1,112 1,114 1,112 1,117 1,126 1,121 1,132	1,135 1,135 1,139 1,145 1,146 1,154 1,152 1,159	1,129 1,131 1,132 1,133 1,137 1,146 1,145 1,153
1947—March Quarter June Quarter	1,159 1,175	1,104 1,123	1,114 1,118 1,130	1,132 1,144 1,161	1,164 1,175	1,156 1,171

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 86 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual Labour Report, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index-numbers back to 1928-29 are published in the next statement.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS.

(Base: 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups
201 37	400	1 001		- Hallel					
861 Year	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963		1,070	2,030	1,538
.871 ,,	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586		1,044	1,409	1,220
881 ,,	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421		1,091	1,587	1,121
.891 ,,	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901 ,,	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1911 ,,	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1921 ,,	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1931 ,,	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1939 ,,	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1941 ,,	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942 ,,	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943 ,,	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944 ,,	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945 ,,	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1.967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946 ,,	2,262	2,062	1,950	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163

Wholesale Price Index—Numbers—Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published in the foregoing statement. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year 1931-32 ,, 1940-41 ,, 1941-42 ,, 1942-43 ,, 1943-44 ,, 1945-46 ,, 1946-47 ,,	1,269 1,081 1,074 1,173 1,288 1,310 1,307 1,302 1,318	1,064 1,134 1,374 1,509 1,667 1,695 1,676 1,561 1,453	1,288 765 1,105 1,184 1,471 1,501 1,518 1,518 1,913	1,214 1,195 1,236 1,372 1,422 1,432 1,428 1,416 1,402	1,148 738 1,256 1,350 1,379 1,398 1,398 1,398	948 951 1,284 1,352 1,628 1,743 1,747 1,766 1,802	1,070 857 1,069 1,169 1,279 1,287 1,308 1,344 1,378	911 996 1,325 1,525 1,760 1,824 1,819 1,782 1,774	1,183 932 1,060 1,123 1,212 1,217 1,232 1,254 1,286	1,103 946 1,140 1,242 1,373 1,396 1,405 1,410 1,430
July August September October November December January February March April May June	1,300 1,300 1,300 1,300 1,300 1,301 1,340 1,340 1,340 1,350 1,350	1,519 1,462 1,462 1,459 1,459 1,418 1,442 1,444 1,440 1,440 1,447 1,448	1,523 1,530 1,803 1,874 1,954 1,945 1,973 2,022 2,026 2,065 2,101 2,145	1,418 1,418 1,418 1,417 1,390 1,391 1,391 1,391 1,391 1,391 1,412	1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398	1,783 1,783 1,783 1,783 1,787 1,788 1,795 1,796 1,803 1,841 1,843	(b) 1,356 (b) 1,343 (b) 1,340 (b) 1,348 (b) 1,379 (b) 1,376 (b) 1,368 1,371 1,390 1,415 1,420 1,433	1,766 1,745 1,743 1,757 1,794 1,762 1,758 1,757 1,752 1,802 1,816 1,833	(b) 1,265 (b) 1,252 (b) 1,262 (b) 1,264 (b) 1,275 (b) 1,278 (b) 1,279 1,294 1,310 1,315 1,318 1,323	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

⁽a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

⁽b) Revised.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

			ners at Period.	Widows Pe in Force of Pe	at End	Maternity Allow- ances (c)	Ch Endowi	ild ment (e)
Peri	od.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.	Granted During Period.	Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913–14 Y	ear	 27,150	4,844			(d)		
1920-21	,,	 30,385	11,174			36,778		
1930-31	,,	 49,999	19,925			32,241		
1938-39	,,	 (a)67,896	(a)19,471			20,819		
1940-41	,,	 76,371	12,447			19,150		
1941-42	,,	 75,240	12,550			16,120	124,463	219,680
1942-43	,,	 72,102	11,938	3,574	7,136	11,874	124,986	218,551
1943-44	,,	 69,156	12,446	3,684	8,283	38,653	128,381	220,884
1944-45	,,	 67,240	12,598	3,575	9,039	40,582	131,526	224,146
1945-46	,,	 69,308	13,599	3,565	9,183	40,991	135,377	229,982
1946-47	,,	 74,770	14,673	3,732	8,579	50,730	141,826	245,480

⁽a) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

	U	nemploymen	t Benefits.	.(a)	Sickness Benefits.(a)					
Period.	Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.		Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.			
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		
1945–46 Year	2,632	63	564	15	8,246	1,923	1,387	403		
1st July, 1946, to 31st May, 1947 (b)	15,470	539	742	44	10,206	3,025	1,799	655		

⁽a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

⁽b) Commenced from 1st July, 1942.

⁽c) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

⁽d) Not available,

⁽e) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

			War Per	nsions.		Service I	Pensions.(a)
Period.		Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
At 30th June-		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1921		26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801		
1931		25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202		
1939		25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1941		25,107	7,977	41,036	74,120	2,092	1,353
1942		25,375	8,493	38,435	72,303	3,034	1,462
1943		25,921	9,251	36,583	71,755	2,105	1,204
1944		27,552	10,114	35,802	73,468	2,071	1,193
1945		30,138	10,755	37,334	78,227	2,145	1,148
1946		36,020	13,157	43,849	93,026	2,296	1,106
1947		39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134

⁽a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars are inclusive of war pensions in respect of 1914-1918 War and of service pensions in respect of Boer War and 1914-1918 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING.

Heading.		Year ended 30th June—								
		1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.				
Vessels Entered—										
Number	 	2,979	1,681	1,494	1,412	1,442				
Tons	 	8,537,085	3,281,980	3,000,917	2,998,775	3,485,783				
Average tonnage	 	2,866	1,952	2,009	2,124	2,417				
Vessels Cleared—										
Number	 	2,989	1,678	1,499	1,444	1,434				
Tons	 	8,479,995	3,260,936	2,986,356	3,096,963	3,482,275				
Average tonnage	 	2,837	1,943	1,992	2,145	2,428				

Oversea Trade—Recorded Values of Imports into and Exports from Victorian Ports.

	Period.		23046	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
- A		386		Імрогі	rs (British Curri	ENCY).
Year ended 30	th June-	19715		£	£	£ 1981
1939				35,015,419	439,917	35,455,336
1940				41,908,342	675,333	42,583,675
1941				45,529,833	701,382	46,231,215
1942				59,054,017	727,001	59,781,018
1943				109,471,254	961,790	110,433,044
1944				89,214,923	1,037,389	90,252,312
1945				64,507,613	260,929	64,768,542
1946				53,952,607	95,742	54,048,349
1947 (a)				66,937,985	120,386	67,058,371
				EXPORTS	(Australian Cur	RRENCY).
Year ended 30	th June-			£	£	£
1939				28,387,611	2,431,401	30,819,012
1940				36,431,975	3,387,216	39,819,191
1941				36,742,855	8,604,708	45,347,563
1942				42,622,218	135	42,622,353(b
1943				34,549,851		34,549,851(b
1944				36,546,893	adadi	36,546,893(b
1945				40,070,161		40,070,161(b
1946				49,505,101	26,411,264	75,916,365
1947 (a)				86,561,185	9,734	86,570,919

⁽a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS. (SUBJECT TO REVISION.)

(British Currency Values.)

1010			
1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
£	£	£	£
74,762	196,247	211,854	353,219
28,088	31,889	75,704	156,106
102,850	228,136	287,558	509,325
	£ 74,762 28,088	£ £ £ 74,762 196,247 28,088 31,889	£ £ £ £ 74,762 196,247 211,854 28,088 31,889 75,704

⁽b) Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government account estimated for Australia at £A.12,600,000 in 1941–42, £A.2,500,000 in 1942–43, £A.10,000,000 in 1943–44, and £A.2,000,000 in 1944–45.

Values of Principal Articles Imported from Oversea Countries into Victorian Ports—continued.

Article.			r Ended June—		Ended June—
		1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEG	TOLDE				
ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEV	ERAGES,	£	£	£	£
Nuts, Edible		37,615	68,644	67,617	171 700
Spices		29,356	41,810	138,900	171,722 146,836
Coffee and Chicory		31,118	46,233	109,788	145,969
Tea		363,910	592,037	1,576,899	2,019,414
Cocoa and Chocolate		1,735	58,905	219,463	284,962
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c	3	209,367	100,686	458,343	216,437
Total, Class II		673,101	908,315	2,571,010	2,985,340
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALG	COHOLIC				
Liquors		18,312	27,084	44,332	78,229
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPAR	RATIONS				
THEREOF		559,352	568,255	1,667,050	1,385,035
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS		9,551	22,068	76,646	117,819
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCE FOODSTUFFS—	s, Not				
Hides and Skins		108,246	130,400	205 720	700 055
Wool		4,791	145,969	395,736 4,791	766,057 295,249
Silk, Raw		2	263,973	2	531,266
Other Animal Substances		9,799	100,290	38,775	252,715
Total, Class VI		122,838	640,632	439,304	1,845,287
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBS	STANCES				
Seeds		119,618	50,280	583,326	488,645
Fibres		241,145	424,395	943,106	1,642,579
Gums, Resins, and Balsams		48,796	114,415	139,935	292,254
Cork and Cork Manufactures		12,019	110,064	71,615	186,579
Plastic Materials (except Fibres	3)	171,010	169,555	726,198	519,490
Other Vegetable Substances		53,165	45,148	207,327	256,026
Total, Class VII		645,753	913,857	2,671,507	3,385,573
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFA FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APP					
Yarns	'AREL-	549,272	473,066	1,907,387	1 000 007
Manufactured Fibres		233,099	617,832	698,907	1,896,337 1,584,947
Textiles— Piece Goods		2,057,957	2,988,901	7,276,703	9,673,768
Other		336,577	457,540	1,106,411	1,523,480
Apparel		181,278	474,324	591,695	1,348,512
Total, Class VIII		3,358,183	5,011,663	11,581,103	16,027,044
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND W	AXES-	Parameter State of St			
Petroleum and Shale Oils—					
Petroleum		628,346	582,480	2,025,964	2,408,741
Kerosene		151,041	119,514	413,839	429,623
Residual		206,196	221,307	702,746	842,602
Lubricating (Mineral)		134,000	302,105	507,707	810,086
Other		23,098	87,838	85,227	247,848
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes		118,731	116,949	329,438	467,174
Total, Class IX		1,261,412	1,430,193	4,064,921	5,206,074
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Values of Principal Articles Imported from Oversea Countries into Victorian Ports—continued.

Article.	Quarter 30th J		Year 30th J	Ended fune—
. 2007	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	£ 107,149	£ 83,771	£ 331,416	£ 377,771
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC	111,105	185,515	402,327	674,525
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANU- FACTURES—			Chicory	100 - 210) 13G
Iron and Steel—	491 745	999 400	1,979,697	2,368,645
Plate and Sheet	431,745 56,737	828,499 60,229	1,979,097	2,303,043
Tools of Trade	108,842	96,141	541,455	310,540
Vehicles— Aircraft and Parts	513,885	201,831	2,977,073	1,516,679
Motor Cars, &c.—	919,009	201,001	2,011,010	1,010,0.0
Complete	372,945	15,160	2,317,542	118,890
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts	493,388	1,225,693	802,770	4,792,909
Other Vehicles and Parts	82,201	120,508	241,194	440,771
Other Metals and Manufactures	499,195	516,428	1,181,396	1,755,350
Total, Class XII. (a)	2,468,938	3,064,429	10,213,552	11,508,750
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT. ETC.—	1801		***************************************	
Dynamo Electrical Machinery	92,299	85,193	210,561	293,402
Wireless (Radio) Equipment	23,101	24,168	439,493	91,229
Other Electrical Machinery, &c	239,560	279,068	1,165,119	991,768
Total, Class XII.(b)	354,960	388,429	1,815,173	1,376,399
CLASS XII.,(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)— Motive Power Machinery and	011			Sheek Sheek
Appliances	603,352	784,794	2,306,235	2,340,762
Appliances	73,595	332,334	254,142	687,527
Roller and Ball Bearings	42,637	72,277	319,698	213,965
Other Machines and Machinery	452,548	862,997	1,600,818	2,600,480
Total, Class XII.(c)	1,172,132	2,052,402	4,480,893	5,842,734
Total, Class XII	3,996,030	5,505,260	16,509,618	18,727,883
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF— Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Mas-				
ticated, &c Rubber Manufactures—	255,851	367,469	1,153,623	1,542,655
Tires, Pneumatic and Other	34,540	11,919	77,172	130,478
Elastics	33,266	109,025	86,627	232,393
Other	6,273 9,200	9,121 57,686	27,539 25,329	132,043 95,044
m a la Clara MITT	339,130			
Total, Class XIII		555,220	1,370,290	2,132,613
CLASS XIV —WOOD AND WICKER—				
Charles Till. Wood and Williams	130,425	346 996	104 075	E64 100
Timber	12,541	346,386 35,141	484,675 62,906	764,182 110,759
Total, Class XIV	142,966	381,527	547,581	874,941

Values of Principal Articles Imported from Oversea Countries into Victorian Ports—continued.

Article.		rter Ended th June—		Ended June—
-and and -and a	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT	£	£	£	£
CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE— Glass and Glassware	. 66,09	99 167,749	224,444	384,966
Crockery and Household Ware	00 -			410,617
Other Earthenware, &c	210		87,810	94,279
Total, Class XV	. 181,70	319,056	577,993	889,862
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND	D			0 1 2 2 3 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
BOARD— Pulp for Papermaking Paper—	. 114,33	21,951	399,383	444,301
Printing	. 197,9	75 417,243	749,612	1,416,939
Writing and Typewriting .	01 ~			453,099
Wrapping	70.01			398,705
Other	0.00	79,683		254,354
Millboards and Other Boards .	. 46,30	06 60,905	109,396	152,378
Total, Class $XVI.(a)$. 509,2	754,529	1,790,689	3,119,776
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURE AND STATIONERY—	S			
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	. 133,89	98 175,506	531,957	720,239
Other Stationery, &c				586,246
Total, Class XVI. (b) .	. 216,80	35 436,609	794,561	1,366,485
Total, Class XVI	. 720,0	75 1,191,138	2,585,250	4,426,261
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLER AND TIMEPIECES—				solida solida solid
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys	100	33 123,671	112,790	444,703
Jewellery				256,342
Timepieces	10.01			273,471
Total, Class XVII	. 142,7	70 249,836	587,295	974,516
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND			TOTAL STREET	
Scientific Instruments		79 212,412	701,902	737,544
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND	D		Messil	
CHEMICALS— Drugs and Chemicals	. 429,5	28 634,291	1,460,126	2,175,592
Fertilizers	. 197,4		, , ,	
Total, Class XIX	. 627,0	05 782,038	2,297,197	2,956,062
Crass VV Massarra Avenue				11.20.11.15
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS— Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives.	. 273,7	23 122,606	3,258,412	453,928
Bags, Baskets, &c	11,6			83,416
Brushware	7,0		14,522	85,687
0 : 1 D 1	. 206,2			1,259,417
411 OUT A 11 1	. 156,4	0000000	528,931	743,833
Total, Class XX	. 655,1	26 763,666	4,638,307	2,626,281
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER	:			
T 0	. 12,1	94 19,071	95,742	120,386
Grand Total	. 13,994,5	50 19,998,713	54,048,349	67,058,371

Values of Principal Articles Exported to Oversea Countries from Victorian Ports (Subject to Revision).

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article	Article.				Year Ended 30th June—		
Aloue.		1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.		
Class I.—Foodstuffs of An	IMAL	£	£	£	£		
	LIVE						
Animals—					. Viterina vičil		
Meats—							
Preserved by Cold Process—							
Beef		40	56,660	37,622	445,94		
Lamb		133,105	44,608	568,285	2,576,35		
Mutton		10,282	19,622	190,576	486,34		
Pork		88,491	20,432	409,856	169,48		
Rabbits and Hares Other		39,763	267,067	109,044	528,82		
75 1 1 1 177		11,550	121,107 500,473	119,457	359,06		
Preserved in Tins Sausage Casings		$\frac{368,082}{28,039}$	51,143	1,461,462	2,061,17		
Other		19,887	78,025	273,392	271,72 219,39		
Butter		1,447,524	1,050,579	5,116,989	5,699,97		
Cheese		210,355	423,038	642,376	1,430,69		
Eggs		92,274	369,229	658,288	1,125,61		
Milk and Cream		485,115	612,931	1,569,404	2,820,73		
Other Animal Foodstuffs		72,088	203,047	613,770	647,43		
Total, Class I							
Total, Class 1		3,006,595	3,817,961	11,945,270	18,842,76		
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGET ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVER. ETC.—							
Grains and Cereals							
Unprepared—							
Wheat		25	257	122	312,07		
Millet		39,726	6,422	43,213	66,51		
Other		7,674	161,129	7,674	178,61		
Prepared—		2- 2-2					
Barley, pearl and scotch		28,252	21,346	37,679	157,06		
Rice		1,413	15,618	39,987	148,59		
Flour (Wheaten)		1,852,575	3,100,368	2,897,017	7,025,62		
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats Other		89,643	24,627	122,966	401,39		
Other Marcaroni and Vermicelli		50,697	58,954	126,538	310,69		
Biscuits		7,941 12,149	30,927 $3,218$	10,806	93,76		
Other		904	2,309	292,761	53,96		
Vegetables—		301	2,509	6,884	8,37		
Potatoes, Fresh		19,858	64,372	189,351	136,43		
Potatoes, Dried			5,981	692,058	61,54		
Peas		66,266	26,259	205,309	145,96		
Preserved in liquid and pulped		20,509	30,346	869,069	172,50		
Other		50,034	39,017	120,726	73,25		
Fruits—				,,,,,	.0,20		
Fresh		192,392	218,243	297,547	476,65		
Dried		1,022,411	660,648	1,393,976	1,683,76		
Preserved in liquid		267,846	619,796	518,786	1,368,53		
Pulped		5,559	18,780	6,644	57,78		
Jams and Jellies		103,752	328,533	711,462	917,98		
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs		145,781	312,493	494,691	1,165,13		
Total, Class II		3,985,407	5,749,643	9,085,266	15,016,24		
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOR	HOLIC						
Liquors		117,535	62,838	390,102	446,32		
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARAT	TIONS						
Thereof		461	1,049				

Values of Principal Articles Exported to Oversea Countries from Victorian Ports—continued.

Article.		Quarter 30th	Ended June—		Ended June—
Aton July Aiet		1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
		£	£	£	£
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS		11,035	41,701	25,452	154,669
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, N	TO		eessigne laas		na veddalli na veddalli
FOODSTUFFS—					
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare		751,680	309,471	2,616,670	2,020,960
Calf, Cattle, and Horse		19,368	28,231	81,021	67,295
Sheep Other		736,871	583,444	1,923,515	3,564,411
Wool—		14,969	3,815	95,070	103,204
Greasy		3,004,936	6,383,131	9,718,556	20,800,836
Scoured, Tops, and Waste		1,474,846	2,703,009	4,531,899	8,816,171
Other Animal Substances		3,545	7,512	8,714	21,095
Total, Class VI		6,006,215	10,018,613	18,975,445	35,393,972
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTAN	CES				
AND FIBRES-				V	
Fibres		19,758	55,254	430,163	373,602
Other Vegetable Substances		52,344	72,523	120,590	179,763
Total, Class VII	.,	72,102	127,777	550,753	553,365
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTUR FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL- Yarns and Manufactured Fibres Textiles		99,794 351,429 276,385	220,099 266,978 200,301	508,356 1,460,812 1,114,139	925,075 2,293,696 1,641,670
Total, Class VIII		727,608	687,378	3,083,307	4,860,441
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXE	s				
Tallow, unrefined		5,729	30,003	71,091	94.682
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes		69,740	59,152	170,555	246,477
Total, Class IX		75,469	89,155	241,646	341,159
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS,	ND	2,431	13,660	10,287	44,075
VARNISHES					
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.		8,563	98,660	31,126	522,956
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MARKET FACTURES AND MACHINERY— Metals and Metal Manufacture (except Electrical) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances	res and	490,822 48,375	804,031 83,308	1,671,846 113,461	3,433,757 258,892
Machines and Machinery (exc	ept	10,010	, ,,,,,,,	110,101	200,002
Dynamo Electrical)		160,168	505,084	620,604	1,528,238

Values of Principal Articles Exported to Oversea Countries from Victorian Ports—continued.

Article.		r Ended June—	Year 30th	Ended June—
elor land lander	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—	£	£	£	£
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures Leather and Leather Manufactures	6,057 210,073	29,662 294,459	176,653 570,213	343,548 1,277,048
Total, Class XIII	216,130	324,121	746,866	1,620,593
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER	24,074	12,024	98,265	45,146
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	15,641	15,570	45,265	66,778
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—	.800.0			
Pulp, Paper, and Board	23,833 36,683	16,250 62,535	35,972 117,259	103,211 240,522
Total, Class XVI	60,516	78,785	153,231	343,733
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES	20,299	31,830	83,348	144,824
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	31,076	67,049	90,745	203,78
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Soap Fertilizers	45,668 745	13,480 70	187,979 1,312	157,249 694
Other Drugs and Chemicals	220,271	447,273	624,529	1,676,11
Total, Class XIX	266,684	460,823	813,820	1,834,06
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—		Extres.		
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives Personal and Household Effects	16,792 45,952 125,887	18,993 97,543 103,045	109,576 107,456 480,662	121,49 272,90 505,68
Total, Class XX	188,631	219,581	697,694	900,08
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	40	280	26,411,264	9,73
Australian Produce Other Produce	15,464,138 71,739	23,134,734 176,187	75,124,206 792,159	85,955,45 615,46
Grand Total	15,535,877	23,310,921	75,916,365	86,570,91

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

				Year	Ended 30th Jun	10			
Imports of Products or	Manu	factures	of—	1939.	1941.	1946.	1947.(a)		
(4) (5) (4)					British Currency Values—				
				£	£	£	£		
United Kingdom				14,540,751	22,648,019	21,915,973	25,089,47		
Africa, British East				36,197	90,539	325,498	242,73		
anada				2,665,240	3,238,898	2,713,155	4,737,88		
Ceylon				213,320	158,294	2,265,887	2,118,90		
Hong Kong				7,251	13,534	1,841	21,14		
ndia				793,488	2,389,404	3,312,927	5,141,48		
Malaya (British)				485,251	1,015,901	2,582	1,279,27		
New Zealand				991,983	953,312	1,118,320	1,547,14		
Pacific Islands (British)				671,247	512,846	3,925	47,28		
outh African Union				84,676	99,744	308,893	629,53		
Other British Possession	18			184,702	757,052	730,326	1,209,69		
Bahrein Island				266,517	200,485	328,675	1,323,31		
Belgium				353,216	21,033	45,289	501,78		
China				140,900	199,109	8,782	349,90		
Egypt				70,436	64,891	334,964	375,34		
France				394,105	37,547	9,001	542,00		
Germany				1,537,847	62,305	9,857	110,68		
ran				382,568	230,782	1,965,770	2,135,18		
taly				257,160	36,528	2,839	821,85		
apan				1,716,486	1,772,745	588	535,47		
Netherlands				209,945	82,278	1,518	142,37		
Netherlands East Indies	3			2,044,057	2,212,788	29,583	55,608		
Norway				143,595	18,925	11,092	183,890		
Philippine Islands				41,002	45,876	262	99		
sweden				459,959	56,029	283,984	642,62		
switzerland				406,975	192,749	316,495	402,970		
J.S.S.R. (Russia)				74,261	9,847	3,506	8,02		
Inited States of America	ca			4,792,784	7,924,046	15,972,840	14,227,68		
Other Foreign Countries	3			744,340	337,898	1,077,677	1,149,039		
Country not stated						125,532	226,53		
Total (excluding	Onteid	le Packa	raa)	34,710,259	45,383,404	53,227,581	65,798,95		

Exports to—			Australian C	urrency Values-	-	
United Kingdom	0,44		15,266,925	16,805,803	39,288,645	26,182,547
1 C ! D .: 41 . L To -4			2,625	93,340	44,640	99,302
0 1-			492,839	999,978	1,516,156	1,911,946
Ylam			144,742	315,199	2,413,350	3,194,920
II Vana			164,238	375,951	1,081,189	2,417,156
r., 1!			342,958	1,104,780	7,242,324	4,124,506
(f 1 /D-:4:-1-)			618,214	1.164,856	1,913,222	6,059,493
AY. //land			1,906,752	1,958,097	2,173,421	3,879,626
D 10 T 1 1 (D-141-1-)			255,695	298,361	487,945	203,822
O O ACLASS TIMES			500,433	356,700	617,960	1,740,089
Other British Possessions			307,906	525,178	1.189,833	3,768,284
D L ! T.l			948	2,265	2,796	22,990
D - 1 !			654,276	-,	1,274,219	3,216,89
01.1			576,750	1,194,347	160,558	1,804,410
D4			73,572	1,226,720	841,361	1,629,265
Desman			2,167,616	12,311	2,601,313	4,366,44
O			450,788	,	-,002,020	83,73
			26		43,703	257,608
		1997	272,391		134,535	2,580,98
			1,690,971	701,200	24,477	164,34
7 (1 1 1		 	149,453	315	114,922	505,013
		::	613,570	1,297,133	314,531	30,26
Netherlands East Indies			17,963	1,201,100	15,215	153,68
TOI Way		 	96,968	98,192	905	90.180
THE PETER		 	171,354	00,102	257,510	1,021,28
J II CULCII			4,002		38,647	305,31
) II I UZI O I I WILL .			4,002	16	351,657	262,63
		 	3,378,036	14,460,565	9,371,224	12,804,27
United States of Americ			497,001	638,364	1,221,679	3,334,27
Other Foreign Counties				1,627,770	1,178,428	355,61
Country not stated				1,021,110	1,170,428	555,01
Total			30,819,012	45,257,441	75,916,365	86,570,91

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

			Year Ended 30th June—						
Commodity.	outer and	radios	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.(a)			
Wool— Greasy	{	lb. ₤	102,687,848 8,175,116	134,674,426 10,504,923	122,598,522 9,718,556	193,595,564 20,800,836			
Scoured and Washed	{	lb. £	14,611,839 1,783,890	18,376,296 2,149,169	17,577,493 2,421,215	44,391,722 6,655,802			
Tops, Nolls, and Waste	{	lb. £	9,136,602 1,860,512	9,878,048 1,959,552	8,557,169 2,110,684	9,845,839 2,160,369			
Butter	{	lb. £	49,490,628 3,299,164	50,340,413 4,381,131	57,714,740 5,116,989	82,594,500 5,699,974			
Wheat	{	$_{\mathfrak{L}}^{\mathrm{centals}}$	2,370,710 952,342	22,943 10,349	144 122	410,976 312,072			
Flour (wheaten)	{	$_{\mathfrak{L}}^{\mathrm{centals}}$	3,494,116 1,994,574	2,973,159 1,689,926	2,556,857 2,897,017	4,429,523 7,025,624			
Fruits— Dried	{	lb. £	107,942,369 1,950,668	106,270,439 2,025,967	63,089,291 1,393,976	70,682,940 1,683,763			
Fresh	{	lb. £	6,390,600 157,497	7,270,800 143,913	17,666,700 297,547	19,131,200 476,658			
Preserved in Liquid	{	lb. £	3,758,560 128,885	9,921,572 183,678	23,545,821 518,786	45,197,285 1,368,537			
Meats— Beef (frozen)	{	lb. £	1,294,546 35,018	8,457,401 237,049	1,212,459 37,622	17,909,891 445,946			
Lamb (frozen)	{	lb. £	82,627,738 2,383,616	62,345,457 1,857,590	18,560,104 568,285	79,827,160 2,576,358			
Mutton (frozen)	{	lb. £	11,173,911 181,741	19,470,482 387,708	8,884,125 190,576	29,936,686 486,341			
Pork (frozen)	{	lb. ₤	4,141,392 154,114	13,346,400 509,909	10,479,042 409,856	4,013,637 169,480			
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	{	$_{\mathfrak{L}}^{\mathrm{pairs}}$	328,487 28,520	1,379,537 160,675	1,035,311 109,044	4,528,137 528,825			
Preserved in Tins	{	lb. ₤	13,050,951 642,728	22,291,310 1,132,070	28,092,602 1,461,462	34,444,231 2,061,179			
Sausage Casings	{	ewt.	12,989 281,977	13,818 300,651	7,196 174,749	10,437 271,727			
All Other Meats		£	283,506	520,919	392,849	578,456			
Milk and Cream	{	lb. £	23,861,695 832,479	30,253,715 1,051,847	43,042,034 1,569,404	71,795,559 2,820,733			
Hides and Skins— Sheep	{	lb. £	15,139,758 639,118	24,196,964 1,002,186	46,712,108 1,923,515	56,448,590 3,564,411			
Calf, Cattle, Horse	{	No.	43,658 56,754	27,083 95,681	63,389 81,021	25,883 67,295			
Rabbit and Hare	{	lb. £	5,906,243 2,072,741	5,750,112 1,750,681	6,203,553 2,616,670	4,947,452 2,020,960			
Other Skins		£	258,539	173,898	95,070	103,204			
Callow (unrefined)	{	cwt.	190,907 278,402	115,722 193,001	36,555 71,091	16,895 94,682			
Eggs in shell	{	dozen £	10,550 866	55,920 3,749	1,880,850 126,923	3,479,898 230,238			
Eggs not in Shell	{	lb. £	1,975,664 133,418	884,359 60,636	7,563,634 531,365	9,261,330 895,374			
Cheese	{	lb. ₤	14,882,977 986,770	16,573,648 1,086,603	11,919,546 642,376	30,259,127 1,430,698			

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.		Year Ended 30th June-					
randuars.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	31st March, 1947.		
Average Mileage Operated Traffic Train Miles Run '000 Passengers Journeys '000 Goods Carried tons '000 Live Stock Carried (a) tons '000	4,754 17,890 142,124 5,250 726	4,748 16,413 194,138 7,564 789	4,748 16,337 195,698 7,275 730	4,748 16,344 196,118 6,609 620	(b) 12,331 137,387 5,299 (b)		

(a) Estimated.

(b) Not available.

Particulars.		Year Ended 30th June—				
r ar demars.			1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Gross Revenue Working Expenses Net Earnings (a) Net Earnings on Capital Cost (b		£'000 £'000 %	9,284 8,060 1,224 2:33	15,882 13,214 2,668 5:06	$ \begin{array}{c} 15,258 \\ 12,832 \\ 2,426 \\ 4 \cdot 59 \end{array} $	14,675 12,531 2,144 4:55

- (a) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.
- (b) Capital cost as written down in accordance with Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

			Year Ended 30th June—					
Particulars.	raruculars.			1944.	1945.	1946.		
Tramway Track Open—								
Double		miles	(a) 127·344	123.542	124.778	124.777		
Single		miles	5.915	6.643	6.615	6.591		
Motor Omnibus Route		miles	48.616	66.718	67.613	68.602		
Vehicle Mileage—								
Tramways		miles	22,980,520	23,000,054	22,730,635	22,673,730		
Motor Omnibuses		miles	2,164,930	8,524,186	8,146,473	7,865,400		
Passenger Journeys-								
Tramways		No.	182,094,402	278,451,170	284,139,431	281,198,208		
Motor Omnibuses		No.	11,911,439	71,631,912	70,663,685	70,196,236		
Revenue—			£	£	£	£		
Traffic Receipts			2,304,946	3,941,680	3,990,553	4,004,377		
Other			15,280	14,442	15,482	16,563		
Total Revenue			2,320,226	3,956,122	4,006,035	4,020,940		
Operating Expenses (b)			1,516,717	2,491,649	2,530,165	2,602,944		
Surplus on Operation			803,509	1,464,473	1,475,870	1,417,996		

⁽a) Including 7.894 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

⁽b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

VICTORIA-MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

					Motor V	ehicles—		
		Period.		Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	Motor Cycles.
			Regi	STRATION O	F NEW VE	HICLES.		
1938-39 1943-44 1944-45 1945-46 1946-47	Year ,,		3723	. 15,249 . 545 . 533 . 1,205 . 6,122	3,953 2,721 1,813 2,037 3,222	2,494 509 437 311 1,411	21,696 3,775 2,783 3,553 10,755	2,140 60 84 377 1,642
			RE-REC	ISTRATION C	of Used V	EHICLES.		
938-39 943-44 944-45 945-46 1946-47	Year ,, ,, ,,			. 13,718 . 13,920 . 10,812 . 12,417 . 9,874	3,459 2,481 2,980 6,586 6,246	3,277 2,909 2,550 2,924 2,983	20,454 19,310 16,342 21,927 19,103	4,787 4,224 4,550 6,235 5,428
			RE	NEWALS OF	REGISTRAT	TION.		
1938-39 1943-44 1944-45 1945-46 1946-47	Year ,, ,, ,,			. 122,164 . 119,528 . 127,119 . 130,735 . 137,859	28,750 32,475 35,139 38,309 44,689	41,656 49,277 52,014 52,747 53,548	192,570 201,280 214,272 221,791 236,096	19,771 13,643 15,164 16,616 19,102

⁽a) Includes private cars and commercial vehicles, separate particulars of which are not available.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES.

	Licens	es in Forc	e at 30th	June-
Type of Licence.	1000	1044	1	1
The state of the s	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Femporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	279	467	1,102
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	170	282	431
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	449	749	1,533
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				7000
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	954	596	1,049
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	644	442	822
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	1,598	1,038	1,871
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	6,111	6,465	7,937
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	724	791	903
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners outside radius				
of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	5,570	6,385	7,392
Primary Producers	699	1,895	2,615	3,285
	297	360	368	418
Ancillary Carriers Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats,	20,062	18,482	19,578	24,298
Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	014	1 077	1 000	
THE TYLES	914	1,071	1,261	2,584
Commercial Passenger Hire vehicles		462	538	800
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	34,675	38,001	47,617
additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry				
Passengers	558	199	187	207
Grand Total	35,970	36,921	39,975	51,228

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.		Number of Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Number of Persons Killed.	Number of Persons Injured.	Number of Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Number of Accidents.
			City of Melbou	rne.	all descript n	
1938-39 Year		1,537	53	1,650	4.087	5,624
1944-45 ,,		831	37	893	1,192	2.023
1945–46 ,,		1,064	42	1,156	1,557	2,621
6 months ended	31st					antamal mil
December, 1946		545	13	626	1,091	1,636
	M	etropolitan Ar	ea (excluding	City of Melbo	urne).	
1938-39 Year		3,856	209	4,244	5,832	9,688
1944-45 ,,		1,952	93	2,149	1,784	3,736
1945–46 ,, 6 months ended	31st	2,778	120	3,209	2,725	5,503
December, 1946		1,757	69	2,005	1,952	3,709
		Outsi	de Metropolita	n Area.		(
1938-39 Year		1,705	218	2.180	2,462	4.167
1944-45 ,,		1,044	130	1,326	1,047	2,091
1945-46 ,,		1,443	174	1,837	1,604	3,047
6 months ended	31st				nd (w)	
December, 1946		867	89	1,166	930	1,797
			Total-Victor	ia.		
1938-39 Year		7,098	480	8,074	12,381	19,479
1944-45 ,,		3,827	260	4,368	4,023	7,850
1945–46 ,, 6 months ended	31st	5,285	336	6,202	5,886	11,171
December, 1946	0100	3,169	171	3,797	3,973	7,142

VII.—FINANCE. VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

		Year	Ended 30th J	une—	
Heads of Revenue.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a) Railways	10,085 9,349	5,331 17,070	4,100 16,109	4,295 15,590	4,669 14,822
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,300	2,742	2,687	2,728	2,551
Land	387	723	972	938	882
Interest n.e.i	1,881	1,591	1,528	1,474	1,511
Commonwealth Payments—					-,011
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
Income Tax Reimbursement (b)		5,159	6,318	6,423	6,431
Entertainments Tax Reimburse-					
ment(b)		280	373	373	373
All other Revenue	857	1,467	1,330	1,325	1,825
Total Revenue	26,986	36,490	35,544	35,273	35,191
	£ s. d.				
Total Revenue per Head of Population	14 7 10	18 10 3	17 17 5	17 11 9	17 8 4

⁽a) For details see page 24.

⁽b) Under the provisions of the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursements Acts of 1942.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

	200 000 1100	Year	Ended 30th J	une—	
Heads of Expenditure.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Public Debt Charges— Interest on Funded Debt Exchange on Interest Payments Sinking Fund Contributions Other Railways Other Business and Industrial	£'000 6,640 669 859 62 7,694	£'000 6,478 697 1,118 82 13,608	£'000 6,354 703 1,192 151 12,790	£'000 6,285 687 1,327 133 12,427	£'000 6,214 645 1,407 137 12,073
Undertakings Education Public Health Hospitals Other Charities (a) Law, Order, and Public Safety All other Expenditure	980 3,123 143 1,054 2,302 1,285 2,962	1,362 3,358 107 1,536 1,517 1,940 3,933	1,454 3,654 116 1,676 908 1,814 4,112	1,579 3,976 175 1,813 760 1,789 3,973	1,802 4,362 199 2,042 584 1,769 3,951
Total Expenditure per Head of Population	£ s. d. 14 16 4	35,736 £ s. d. 18 2 7	\$\frac{34,924}{\£ s. d.} 17 11 2	\$\frac{34,924}{\£ s. d.} 17 8 3	35,185 £ s. d. 17 8 3

⁽a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

		Year	Ended 30th J	une—	
Tax.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
State Taxation Collections—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	1,731	199	94	86
Land Tax	482	355	360	358	321
Probate Duty	1,374	1,518	1,778	1,854	1,825
Stamp Duties, n.e.i	960	809	824	887	1,071
Motor Taxation	1,914	1,493	1,582	1,655	1,847
Entertainments	677	487	488	646	878
Liquor	255	362	382	382	389
All other Taxes	110	106	102	107	110
Paid to Consolidated Revenue	10,085	5,331	4,100	4,295	4,669
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	1,530	1,615	1,688	1,858
Total	12,023	6,861	5,715	5,983	6,527
Commonwealth Reimbursements—			,		
Income Tax		5,159	6,318	6,423	6,431
Entertainments Tax		280	373	373	373
Total		5,439	6,691	6,796	6,804
Grand Total	12,023	12,300	12,406	12,779	13,331
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	\pounds s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 3	3 9 7	2 17 6	2 19 8	3 4 8
Commonwealth Reimbursements		2 15 2	3 7 3	3 7 9	3 7 4
Total	6 8 3	6 4 9	6 4 9	6 7 5	6 12 0

⁽a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

T N A P N	During	Year Ended 30th	h June—	Total to
Heads of Expenditure.	1944.	1945.	1946.	30th June, 1946.
Public Works—				
Railways—	£	£	£	£
As reduced	486,388	496,294	389,434	51,013,952
Transferred				29,134,658
Roads and Bridges	165	9,443	11,119	12,666,519
Water Supply and Sewerage	143,178	315,729	435,575	32,766,958
Electricity Supply				17,839,227
Public Buildings—				
Schools	77,072	164,784	177,107	6,443,502
Hospitals	46,009	605,747	118,020	1,514,403
Other	36,396	49,076	66,890	1,570,237
Housing		750,000	25,285	1,965,285
Unemployment Relief	3,938	3,891	433	13,147,158
Other Public Works	3,770		14,767	3,772,438
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)			69,378	41,640,312
Advances to Settlers	3,646	(b) 717,217	(b) 223,158	3,581,947
Wire Netting Advances .	. 60	79	5,878	885,729
Bulk Handling of Wheat .				1,000,000
Forestry	. 282,411	480,600	657,029	3,099,120
Mining (including State Coal Mine	1,556	437	499	591,889
Other Primary Production .		45	9,562	1,106,869
Other Purposes		90,000		450,950
Total Public Works, &c.	1,084,589	3,683,342	2,204,134	224,191,153
In Aid of Revenue		4,255,000		9,118,682
Grand Total	. 1,084,589	7,938,342	2,204,134	233,309,835

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.(b) Including Drought Relief, £625,000 in 1944-45, and £129,000 in 1945-46.

VICTORIA-STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

11 at	At 30th June—		- colgis -	Repayable in—	101,100 	Total.	Total Public Debt per Head
At	30th June-		London.	New York.	Australia.	100a1.	of Population.
			£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914			39,275		26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919			43,400		39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929			59,835	4,658	89,336	153,829	86 19 7
1939			62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 10 3
1946			56,158	4,499	119,070	179,727	88 9 11

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

				Deposits—		
Period.			Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Advances.
1945–46—			£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
December Quarter			83,215	121,397	204,612	68,397
March Quarter			80,709	132,062	212,771	73,606
June Quarter			78,887	134,872	213,759	80,607
1946-47-						
September Quarter			77,315	131,631	208,946	79,612
December Quarter			73,165	137,841	211,006	83,425
March Quarter			73,248	147,612	220,860	88,076
June Quarter			72,461	151,419	223,880	96,970

⁽a) Compiled from returns lodged under $Banking\ Act\ 1945$. Includes General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank of Australia and twelve other banks.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

				Perio	od.		100	Total Amount Cleared
						 	-	£'000
1929	Year					 		814,668
1939						 		864,631
1943	,,					 		1,414,210
944	22					 		1,448,005
945	11					 		1,484,398
946	"					 		1,825,986
946-	-Marc	h Qua	rter			 		422,340
		Quar				 		465,192
			Quarter			 		452,795
	Dece	mber	Quarter			 		485,659
947-		h Qua						432,981
		Quar				 		489,452

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

		Deposits—						
Period.	State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.	Total Deposits per Head of Population.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£ s. d.				
At 30th June—								
1929	. 66,130	6,577	72,707	41 2 2				
1931	. 57,138	6,104	63,242	35 2 10				
1939	. 69,219	11,242	80,461	42 15 4				
1943	. 97,517	23,732	121,249	61 3 7				
1944	. 122,682	31,205	153,887	77 9 7				
1945	. 143,216	38,933	182,149	90 10 5				
1946	. 163,723	47,603	211,326	104 2 2				
At 31st December, 1946 .	. 163,828	46,763	210,591	103 13 11				
" 31st March, 1947 .	. 164,105	46,692	210,797	103 15 11				
, 30th June, 1947	68148 163,723 W	7959 47,603 216	107211,326	104 16 9				

⁽a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

VICTORIA-MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

		Mor	tgages Registe	ered during Per	riod.	
Period.		asfer of Land $s(a)$.		operty Law t (b).	Total.	
AMOTO (V. to., asolys).	Number.	Consideration (c) .	Number.	Consideration (c) .	Number.	Consideration (c) .
Year ended 31st December—	antiest	£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1929	27,916	21,082	899	968	28,815	22,050
1939	19,144	12,244	853	773	19,997	13,017
1944	8,397	4,097	417	249	8,814	4,346
1945	10,237	4,771	490	389	10,727	5,160
1946	18,055	7,030	801	456	18,856	7,486
March Quarter	4,469	2,715	177	43	4,646	2,758
June Quarter	5,290	2,663	242	83	5,532	2,746

(a) Mortgages under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under such Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.
(b) Mortgages under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Act.
(c) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Y	ear Ended 3	lst December	_	Six Months Ended
rarticulars,	1929.	1939.	1945.	1946.	30th June, 1947.
Number registered during period—	month of	nsik			
Victorian Trading Foreign Mining	926 62 22	537 37 28	170 28 2	784 68 10	391 32 9
Total	1,010	602	200	862	432
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading Foreign Mining	44,083 (a)	17,302 8,975	3,570 15,523 20	13,782 19,764 88	11,090 9,044 101
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—			Bask	elodeski j	
Victorian Foreign	7,25 9 899	10,229 643	8,704 751	9,369 804	9,664 823
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Com- panies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading Mining	10,246 244	6,854 1,097	1,582 30	11,560 90	7,25 3 220

(a) Not available.

VIII.—PRODUCTION. VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Year Ended				Dist	ricts.			s storester	Whole
31st Decem- ber.	Mallee.	Wim- mera.	Northern.	North- Central.	North- Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps- land.	State.
10.01	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches
1941	12.23	20.14	17.31	25.39	30.41	29.73	31.53	33 · 13	24.29
1942	14.31	22.04	19.66	31.91	38.28	30.54	29.68	31.59	26.28
1943	8 · 25	13.48	10.98	20.22	26.76	25.86	22.46	30.05	19.44
1944	6.59	10.46	9.24	17.10	20.72	24.30	23.97	27.54	17.09
1945	9.63	15.20	14.84	21.71	29.97	25.21	22.25	28.60	20.50
1946	14.07	22.07	17.76	29.86	39.85	40.20	33.04	41.19	29.37
Averages (a)	12.49	17.52	18.09	27.06	34.81	27.58	29.64	33.47	24 · 28

VICTORIA-ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Seasor		For Grain-	Fear End-	Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for	Fruit (b).	
Seasor.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	цау.	Totatoes.	Drying (a).		
	1		Area of (Crops.	hoises units		and our R	
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
1942-43	 2,145,156	428,043	77,842	788,792	51,757	34,028	56,084	
1943-44	 1,793,428	426,305	83,259	740,672	70,430	34,077	57,023	
1944-45	 2,141,729	722,169	129,054	901,983	83,238	34,220	55,246	
1945-46	 3,251,393	511,483	134,132	1,060,496	63,000	33,607	56,512	
1946-47	 3,501,135	453,898	138,022	(c)677,787	(d) 56,400	(e)	(e)	
		-	Total Prod	luction.				
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (f) .	1	
1942-43	 41,803,107	6,637,944	1,273,704	1,051,107	195,138	55,059		
1943-44	 19,733,322	3,704,985	1,078,128	963,103	217,380	58,838		
1944-45	 3,497,677	1,335,429	359,536	704,246	305,216	39,934		
1945-46	 29,633,760	7,401,816	1,743,754	1,444,250	230,749	49,430		
1946-47	 48,970,908	6,401,430	2,321,912	985,224	(e)	(e)		
		Ave	rage Yield	per Acre.				
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (f) .	1	
1942-43	 19.49	15.51	16.36	1.33	$3 \cdot 77$	1.62		
1943-44	 11.00	8.69	12.95	1.30	3.09	1.73		
1944-45	 1.63	1.85	2.79	0.78	3.67	1.17		
1945-46	 9.11	14.47	13.00	1.36	3.66	$1 \cdot 47$		
1946-47	 13.99	14.10	16.82	1.45	(e)	(e)		

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1945-46 amounted to 1,546, 6,315, and 1,375 acres respectively.
(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1945-46 was 12,967 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement. (See Victorian Year-Book).
(c) Including wheaten 65,354 acres and oaten 356,442 acres.
(d) Subject to revision.
(e) Not yet available.
(f) Weight of dried produce.

VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTIES FOR SEASON 1946-47.

District	ts and (Counties.	Area.	Production.	Average Production per Acre.	District Average Production per Acre.
			Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Central			 			19.94
Grant			 23,115	468,474	20:27	
North-Central			 -0,110	100,111	20 2.	20.74
Talbot			23,591	486,753	20.63	20 11
Western			 	200,100	-00	20:17
Grenville			 10,686	190,194	17:80	20 1.
Hampden			 13,062	265,941	20.36	
Ripon			 35,871	801,963	22.36	
Wimmera			 			21.02
Lowan			 234,905	5,785,629	24.63	
Borung			 595,941	11,972,703	20.09	
Kara Kara			 193,510	3,770,835	19.49	
Mallee			 			8.86
Millewa			 142,923	492,429	3.45	
Weeah			 180,670	1,871,346	10.36	
Karkarooc			 806,489	7,402,656	9.18	
Tatchera			 491,612	4,598,970	9.35	
Northern			 			14.00
Gunbower			 34,970	243,126	6.95	
Gladstone			 157,434	2,251,371	14.30	

VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTIES FOR SEASON 1946-47
—continued.

Districts	and Cour	nties.	Area.	Production.	Average Production per Acre.	District Average Production per Acre.
Northern—conta	inued.		Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Bendigo			 131,494	1,604,484	12.20	
Rodney			 78,330	1,278,456	16.32	
Moira			 287,156	4,271,664	14.88	
North-Eastern			 			22.11
Delatite			 5,025	116,943	$23 \cdot 27$	
Bogong			 33,108	726,759	21.95	
Gippsland			 			20.82
Tanjil			 4,670	99,483	21.30	
Remaining Cou	nties		 16,573	270,729	16.34	
Grain			 3,501,135	48,970,908	13.99	all the man
Hay			 65,354			
Tota	ıl		 3,566,489			

VICTORIA—VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN IN 1946.

		Va	riety.				Area.	Percentage of Total Area.
							Acres.	
Quadrat							959,167	26.89
hurka							724,048	20.30
Pindar							348,358	9.77
Magnet							324,983	9.11
Ranee							313,345	8.79
Bencubbin							299,205	8.39
Regalia							172,871	4.85
Oundee							73,437	2.06
Bobin							50,401	1.41
Baldmin							42,165	1.18
ree Gallipoli							26,273	0.74
Rajah							23,618	0.66
Sepoy							14,617	0.41
Huclub		fig. T					8,814	0.25
Iac's White	1	864					6,601	0.19
Nabawa						1	4,293	0.12
C.M.G							4,251	0.12
nsignia		24.95		0.00			4,076	0.11
urvev							3,678	0.10
Pinnacle							3,189	0.09
Varatah							2,484	0.07
Iajor							2,420	0.07
Seagull							1,566	0.04
Hular							1,221	0.03
Vizam							837	0.02
Eureka							781	0.02
ord							735	0.02
Golden Drop							726	0.02
ewari							701	0.02
word							671	0.02
all other varie	ties and			stacks, &	c		146,957	4.13
	Т	otal					3,566,489	100.00

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

			Cattle.			
District.	Horses.	All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.	Pigs.	Sheep.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central	54,614	271,629	106,779	378,408	44,683	1,444,556
North-Central	12,285	45,377	35,193	80,570	10,721	1,389,154
Western	35,325	356,083	153,131	509,214	39,026	5,354,370
Wimmera	20,754	34,795	10,482	45,277	15,961	2,478,963
Mallee	18,278	29,729	6,548	36,277	16,151	976,633
Northern	41,644	186,048	48,411	234,459	66,243	2,598,625
North-Eastern	18,769	141,622	151,066	292,688	36,463	1,335,907 $1,020,282$
Gippsland	25,495	346,345	136,823	483,168	61,202	1,020,262
Totals at 31st March,						
1947	227,164	1,411,628	648,433	2,060,061	290,450	16,598,490
Totals at 31st March—						
1943	292,534	1,445,530	577,362	2,022,892	307,929	19,614,040
1944	277,662	1,406,028	607,005	2,013,033	337,878	19,220,457
1945	253,782	1,364,202	538,908	1,903,110	296,232	16,457,101
1946	232,473	1,299,769	527,318	1,827,087	271,887	14,655,277
1947	227,164	1,411,628	648,433	2,060,061	290,450	16,598,490

DAIRY CATTLE IN VICTORIA.

District.	Milking Cows.	Dry Cows.	Springing Heifers.	Other Heifers.	Calves.	Bulls.	Total Dairy Cattle.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central	. 130,499	42,928	13,076	34,202	44,478	6,446	271,629
North-Central .	. 19,176	6,753	2,938	5,601	9,646	1,263	45,377
Western .	. 144,490	81,166	21,209	47,273	52,813	9,132	356,083
Wimmera .	. 14,654	6,081	2,055	3,376	7,231	1,398	34,795
	. 13,499	4,143	1,573	3,207	6,256	1,051	29,729
	. 86,465	22,648	8,932	24,392	38,567	5,044	186,048
	. 65,186	20,917	11,143	12,839	28,305	3,232	141,622
Gippsland .	. 172,854	45,746	18,009	43,306	58,487	7,943	346,345
Totals at 31s March, 1947	st 646,823	230,382	78,935	174,196	245,783	35,509	1,411,628
Totals at 31s March—	st						
1943	. 642,110	235,054	247.	374	281,512	39,480	1,445,530
1944	. 611,599	263,197	63,688	211,317	218,970	37,257	1,406,028
1945	. 591,437	267,763	66,107	201,158	202,258	35,479	1,364,202
1946	. 629,046	182,353	71,247	200,855	181,170	35,098	1,299,769
1947	. 646,823	230,382	78,935	174,196	245,783	35,509	1,411,628

VICTORIA—BREEDS OF SHEEP.

District.	and and	Merino.	Other Pure Breeds.	Merino Comeback.	Crossbred.	Total.
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central	.074	198,765	142,786	274,584	828,421	1,444,556
North-Central		384,939	102,285	280,235	621,695	1,389,154
Western		2,206,705	698,826	968,798	1,480,041	5,354,370
Wimmera		1,570,166	134,568	243,314	530,915	2,478,963
Mallee		183,557	46,357	258,916	487,803	976,633
Northern		380,533	146,685	359,597	1,711,810	2,598,625
North-Eastern		210,115	86,106	259,005	780,681	1,335,907
Gippsland		131,028	49,736	357,281	482,237	1,020,282
	March,					10 700 400
1947		5,265,808	1,407,349	3,001,730	6,923,603	16,598,490

VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS.

00000 00000		One Year Old	Under One	Total Sheep		
District.	Rams.	Breeding Ewes.(a)	Other Ewes.	Wethers.	Year Lambs.	and Lambs.
682.08 008.73	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central	18,698	760,643	72,975	271,900	320,340	1,444,556
North-Central	17,489	720,151	30,160	327,868	293,486	1,389,154
Western	68,220	2,345,009	354,959	1,484,118	1,102,064	5,354,370
Wimmera	27,634	1,209,789	106,662	595,208	539,670	2,478,963
Mallee	11,431	632,822	14,634	80,166	237,580	976,633
Northern	39,433	1,624,501	41,651	212,802	680,238	2,598,625
North-Eastern	18,785	805,009	28,847	176,367	306,899	1,335,907
Gippsland	10,308	486,292	39,814	247,041	236,827	1,020,282
Totals at 31st March, 1947	211,998	8,584,216	689,702	3,395,470	3,717,104	16,598,490
Totals at 31st March—						
1943	254,722	9,852,352	1,268,464	4,403,994	3,834,508	19,614,040
1944	245,791	8,975,270	1,537,638	4,265,800	4,195,958	19,220,457
1945	216,994	7,485,741	1,774,389	3,946,620	3,033,357	16,457,101
1946	196,906	7,711,733	751,819	3,734,902	2,259,917	14,655,277
1947	211,998	8,584,216	689,702	3,395,470	3,717,104	16,598,490

⁽a) Includes ewes mated as well as those not being bred from during the season under review. Breeding ewes not mated numbered 341,150 at 31st March, 1947.

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

	Season.		Season. Cli			Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb.
			lb.	lb.	lb.	£	d.		
1941-42			170,876,572	42,042,469	212,919,041	12,593,512	$14 \cdot 20$		
1942-43			174,045,163	34,159,329	208,204,492	14,223,964	16.40		
1943-44			163,838,577	32,576,650	196,415,227	13,290,073	$16 \cdot 24$		
944-45			142,615,657	34,527,400	177,143,057	11,856,369	16.06		
945-46			109,236,140	43,161,367	152,397,507	9,527,048	15.00		
1946-47			150,807,569	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)		

VICTORIA-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

				Year Ended 30th June—					
	Parti	culars.		1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.		
Factories					No. 9,250	No. 9,317	No. 9,669	No. 10,195	
Persons employ Males Females	(a)	-			136,218 65,613	175,049 86,250	174,424 83,209	178,951 77,298	
Tota	1				201,831	261,299	257,633	256,249	
Wages paid (b)- Males Females					£'000. 29,006 7,021	£'000. 58,611 15,350	£'000. 59,533 14,694	£'000. 56,773 13,726	
Tota	l l				36,027	73,961	74,227	70,499	
Value of— Fuel, light Lubricating Materials u Production Output Land and Machinery	g oil and sed (inc (net) building	l water us luding co gs	sed and re		£'000. 3,595 2,655 80,722 65,996 152,968 42,026 38,570	£'000. 6,177 5,951 149,189 123,331 284,648 55,063 55,458	£'000. 6,299 5,985 152,761 122,377 287,422 57,809 58,571	£'000. 6,306 6,208 154,225 122,406 289,145 60,265 58,537	

⁽a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURE.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF

		Year Ended 30th June—						
Class of Industry.		1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.			
		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.			
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine	and							
quarry products		1,576	1,221	1,271	1,615			
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c		1,530	1,235	1,368	1,715			
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils	and							
grease		4,462	9,992	8,708	7,395			
Industrial metals, machines, implements	and							
conveyances		16,460	47,602	44,084	39,165			
Precious metals, jewellery and plate		547	483	505	722			
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)		6,324	11,704	11,586	12,415			
Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear))	1,373	2,117	2,154	2,331			
Clothing		7,865	11,080	12,594	13,237			
Food, drink and tobacco		12,610	19,051	19,918	19,696			
Woodworking and basketware		2,391	4,070	4,202	4,197			
Furniture, bedding, &c		1,281	1,139	1,143	1,653			
	&c.	4,930	6,292	6,795	7,189			
Rubber		1,573	1,888	2,007	2,124			
Musical instruments		24	17	21	36			
Miscellaneous products		722	2,203	2,540	3,208			
Heat, light and power		2,328	3,237	3,481	5,70			
Total		65,996	123,331	122,377	122,400			

Note.—"Added Value" is the source from which provision is made for the following:—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—BROWN COAL WON, BRIQUETTES MANUFACTURED AND ELECTRICITY SENT OUT.

		lara enolisaeth			Brown Co	oal Won.	Briquettes	Electricity Sent Out			
			Perio	od,				New Cut.	Old Cut.	Manufac- tured.	from Generating Stations.
			Sale		.0%	2011		Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	kWh.
1938-39	Year							3,643,490	(a)	399,924	842.0
1943-44	,,							4,829,481	86,725	416,715	1,402.9
1944-45	,,							5.249,308	47,063	431,344	1,426 · 7
1945 - 46	,,							5,448,626	49,237	493,144	1,514.3
1946-47	,,							5,617,533	133,198	490,338	1,604.8
1946-47								-12			
Sep	tember	Qua	rter					1,494,647	32,980	137,403	432.5
Dec	ember (Quai	ter					1.319,859	32,548	113,695	392.2
Mar	ch Qua	rter						1,424,083	40,591	137,914	368.3
Jun	e Quart	er						1,378,944	27,079	101,326	411.8

⁽a) No operations in Old Cut during 1938-39.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Greater Melbourne (a)—Building Permits Issued by Municipalities. (New Series.)

				New Build	dings—					
Period.		Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)		Other Buildings.		Alterati Addit		Total.		
811			No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
				£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1938	Year		5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939	,,		5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1940	,,		5,686	6,827	410	2,166	5,569	1,462	11,665	10,455
1941	,,		6,193	6,849	250	921	5,392	1,403	11,835	9,173
1942	,,		262	225	58	260	2,135	636	2,455	1,121
1943	,,		80	43.	39	513	3,450	550	3,569	1,106
1944	,,		263	177	30	126	6,398	895	6,691	1,198
1945	,,		1,944	2,059	107	443	6,644	1,046	8,695	3,548
1946	,,		7,292	9,875	241	1,314	7,882	1,520	15,415	12,709
1947—			-540 30 30			dupols				
Mar	ch Qua	arter	2,152	3,340	86	228	1,515	355	3,753	3,923
June	e Quai	ter	2,122	3,176	111	288	1,639	409	3,872	3,873

⁽a) The particulars are in respect of municipalities and parts of municipalities in the metropolitan areas re-defined from 1st January, 1947. The statement is, therefore, not comparable with information shown on page 30 of the Quarterly Abstract of Statistics for December, 1946 (No. 1).

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations $b_{\overline{y}}$ the Housing Commission of Victoria.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

		New Buil	dings	•	Altorat	ions and			
Period.	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)		Other Buildings.			tions.	Total.		
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	
1939 Year	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720	
1940 ,,	481	346	32	197	532	133	1,045	676	
1941 ,,	538	435	34	111	601	122	1,173	668	
1942 ,,	63	45	13	30	333	31	409	106	
1943 ,,	10	4	11	29	475	59	496	92	
1944 ,,	45	25	21	24	686	105	752	154	
1945 ,,	332	317	29	41	829	106	1,190	464	
1946 ,, 1947—	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962	
March Quarter	202	239	13	23	238	43	453	305	
June Quarter	180	218	10	35	242	43	432	296	

⁽a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura, and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chllwell, and Sale, and the Borough of Shepparton.

Housing Commission of Victoria.

		s Let(a) during ection of Dwell		Dwelling Units Completed during Period.			
Period.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Prior to 1941-42	1,002	135	1,137	714	54	768	
1941–42 Year	90		90	322	81	403	
1942–43 ,,	116		116	79		79	
1943–44 ,,	323	75	398	118		118	
1944–45 ,,	747	345	1,092	(b) 494	95	(b) 589	
1945–46 ,,	1,677	677	2,354	934	224	1,158	
1946–47 ,,	2,050	891	2,941	921	565	1,486	
September Quarter	(b) 569	(b) 216	(b) 785	(b) 254	(b) 101	(b) 355	
December Quarter	(b) 508	296	(b) 804	(b) 273	(b) 112	(b) 385	
March Quarter	(b) 115	56	(b) 171	(b) 161	(b) 147	(b) 308	
June Quarter	858	323	1,181	233	205	438	
Total to 30th June, 1947	6,005	2,123	8,128	3,582	1,019	4,601	

⁽a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

⁽b) Revised figures.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected at Sunshine by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust.

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